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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>Application of:</p> <p>LANE, K. et al.</p> <p>Serial No.: 10/731,725</p> <p>Filed: December 9, 2003</p> <p>Title: HIERARCHICAL ELECTRONIC WATERMARKS AND METHOD OF USE</p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 2635</p> <p>Examiner: NGUYEN, N.V.</p> <p>Docket: LANE-HIER-US</p> <p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service as First Class Mail in a postage-paid envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 17, 2006.</p> <p>Signed: <i>[Signature]</i> Patrick Reilly</p>
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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents

5 Mail Stop Amendment  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

10 In response to the Office Action (the "Office Action") mailed May 17, 2006, Applicant submits this Response with the following Papers:

- > Replacement Drawings, Figures 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10, comprising seven Sheets;
- > Petition for Extension of Time, PTO/SB22;
- > Check no. 510, for \$510.00, Time Extension Fee;
- 15 > Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/8a, one Page;
- > Check no. 1810, for \$180.00, IDS Submission Fee; and
- > Self-addressed stamped postcard.

**Status of Claims**

Claims 1-35 are pending.

20 Claims 1-31 and 33-35 are rejected.

Claim 31 is cancelled.

Claim 36 is new.

Claims 1, 9, 10, and 32-34 are currently amended.

Please note the Claims as presently amended and listed on pages 2 through 9 herein.